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DELIVER KATZ AND MOSSLER PRIOR 9:00 AM JUNE 3

1. DELEGATION TO AD HOC MEETING SHOULD ATTEMPT TO FOCUS
DISCUSSION UNDER COMBINED AGENDA ITEMS 2 AND 3 ON THE
APPROACH TO THE SELECTION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES FOR CON-
SIDERATION AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. SECRETARIAT
DOCUMENT SERVES USEFUL PURPOSE IN THIS REGARD AND PROVIDES
ADEQUATE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

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2. PRINCIPAL POINT OF U.S. APPROACH TO MEETING SHOULD BE
TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS THAT 7SS ISSUES BE SELECTED ON THE
BASIS OF FOLLOWING CRITERIA: (A) LIST SHOULD BE SHORT
ENOUGH TO PERMIT ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION OF EACH ITEM;

AND (B) FORMULATIONS USED SHOULD NOT PREJUDGE SOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED. WE BELIEVE THAT OTHER OECD MEMBERS WILL BE SYMPATHETIC TO THIS APPROACH BUT WILL BE DIS-INCLINED TO COUNTER GROUP OF 77 TENDENCY TO EXPAND POTENTIAL AGENDA TO INCLUDE MANY SPECIAL INTERESTS. THEREFORE MEETING SHOULD ATTEMPT TO REACH CLEAR CONCLUSION

AS TO HOW DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK WILL DEAL WITH PROLIFERATION OF ISSUES RAISED BY LDCS, AS WELL AS LDC PRESSURE TO INSERT CONTENTIOUS LANGUAGE AT EARLY STAGE. GIVEN U.S. AND OTHER OECD MEMBER STATES' COMMITMENT TO WORK TOWARDS SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE LDCS AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, WE HOPE THEY WILL STAND WITH US IN ARGUING AGAINST DEVELOPMENT OF AGENDA WHICH WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO INTERESTS OF ALL.

3. DELEGATION SHOULD DRAW ON STATE 106230 IN ITS POSSESSION TO COMMENT ON DRAFT GROUP OF 77 AGENDA WHICH IS BASIS FOR SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT, AND ON STATE 75525 AND 112992 (INFO OECD PARIS) FOR GENERAL GUIDANCE ON U.S. APPROACH TO 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. GUIDANCE ON UK THREE TIER APPROACH CONTAINED IN STATE 86876, COPY OF WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO DEL. WITH REGARD TO PROGRESS IN REVIEW AND APPRAISAL EXERCISE IN NEW YORK, DEL SHOULD DRAW ON PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOLDMAN WHO HAS ATTENDED THOSE MEETINGS.

4. REPORT OF EXPERT GROUP ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE UN WAS RELEASED LAST WEEK AND IS BEING REVIEWED IN THE

DEPARTMENT AT PRESENT. DELEGATION SHOULD STATE THAT WE FIND REPORT TO BE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THE SUBJECT, REQUIRING CAREFUL AND CLOSE CONSIDERATION OF THE MERITS OF INDIVIDUAL PROPOSALS. U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON IT AT LATER DATE, THROUGH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CAPITALS OR MISSIONS IN NEW YORK.

5. WE DO NOT AGREE WITH SECRETARIAT'S SUGGESTION THAT MEETING "MIGHT ADDRESS ITSELF TO THE MORE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION OF WHAT COULD BE SAID ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THESE ISSUES BY THE TIME OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GA." AD HOC MEETING SHOULD NOT IN OUR VIEW SEEK TO DISCUSS FUTURE POLICY DEVELOPMENTS IN AREAS UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT RATHER DEVOTE ITSELF TO DELINEATION OF POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE EFFECTIVE FOCUS FOR SESSION. DEL SHOULD AS NECESSARY CITE THAT NEW OECD GROUP ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES, ESTABLISHED BY MINISTERS AT THEIR RECENT MEETING, WILL LATER THIS

MONTH TAKE UP SUBSTANCE OF SALIENT ISSUES IN OECD
COUNTRIES' RELATIONS WITH LDC'S. IN THIS CONNECTION,
REQUEST MISSION SUGGEST TO OECD SECRETARIAT THAT DOCUMENT
PREPARED FOR AD HOC MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL AS DISCUSSION
PAPER FOR NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES GROUP.
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